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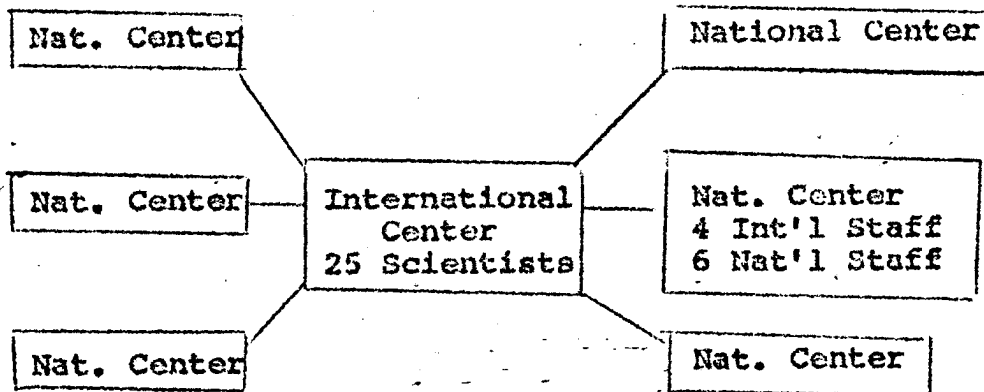
MEMORANDUM

TO: SCI - Mr. Herman Pollack  
THROUGH: SCI - Mr. Nelson Sievering  
FROM: SCI - Herman I. Chinn  
SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. David, April 14

A. Background:

1. Organization

At February meeting of Preparatory Group, there was general agreement on the organizational structure of the proposed computer institute. Basically, it will consist of an international "core" affiliated with a number (probably 6) of national centers. In the international center will be 25 scientists. In each of the national centers will be 10 scientists: 4 internationally funded and 6 national members.



A scientific directorate will consist of representatives from each center. Its function will be largely administrative.

A scientific council composed of experts will exercise technical control.

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2. Site:

This has not yet been selected. Will probably be in France or Germany. Decision expected at next meeting scheduled for April 28 and 29.

3. Costs:

Personnel costs for the international staff are estimated at \$1 million/year. Other operational costs for the international center about \$250,000/year. Costs for each of the national centers about \$250,000/year. Thus, total costs for the national and international institutes will be \$2.5 - 3.0 million/year or \$500,000 per country.

The countries hosting the central institute and the national institutes will be expected to supply the principal part of the facilities.

B. Talking Points

1. NATO role:

David believes the NATO affiliation will be severed as soon as the host country for the institute is identified. The French and Germans have apparently made it clear that they do not wish a tie which would make it difficult for other countries (Sweden, Switzerland) to join. This would seem to negate one of the chief purposes of the exercise, namely, to strengthen and publicize the non-military aspects of NATO. It will also deprive the institute of a potential source of support.

2. U.S. role:

David suggests that US should not become a full member of the institute, but contribute personnel. This is permissible in the tentative ground rules which allows a country to participate without offering an associated institute. I don't know who would pay for long-term assignments at the institute. Short visits of experts could probably be arranged on an ad hoc basis in connection with meetings in Europe, sabbaticals or other events. Research fellows to the institute might be possible through NSF.

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3. Other support:

Even if the institute did not carry the NATO tag, it should be eligible to receive NATO support in the form of fellowships, advanced study institutes and research grants. This would not be an assured source of support, but could nevertheless contribute substantially to the operation of the institute.

4. Director:

One of our chief contributions would be furnishing an outstanding American as the director. David has recommended Professor Barton of the University of Utah, who has expressed interest. Who would pay his (or any other American's) salary?

5. Next meeting:

Another preparatory group meeting is scheduled in two weeks (April 28-29). If, as David expects, a site will then be announced and general agreement accorded, we must state our position. It would be helpful if you could promise some concrete as well as moral support.

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